

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

**July 10, 2007**

**7:00 PM**

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

Mayor Guinta called for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Alderman Gatsas

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll. All fourteen Aldermen were present.

Present: Aldermen, Roy, Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault, Forest

Mayor Guinta advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to three minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Guinta requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Mr. Jack Kenny, 325 Amherst Street, Manchester (re, Fisher Cats) stated; I am here to speak about my favorite baseball team the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, but by the time I am done they will probably offer to pay me to move to Portland Maine or Nashua New Hampshire and root for one of the teams there. First of all I was very surprised this morning, maybe I haven't following these developments as close as I should, I was very surprised the paper this morning stated that the Fisher Cats are objecting to the Condo Development and that an Aldermadic committee agrees with the Fisher Cats and the Mayor apparently agrees with the Fisher Cats. I had thought all along that a condo development was part of the deal for which the City built the twenty-three, twenty-five whatever it is the million-dollar stadium. And so you know in order to broaden the tax base in order to pay off the bond, the debt that we incurred in building the twenty or twenty-five million dollar stadium, and so it almost sounds like a bait and switch. We agreed there is going to be a Condo development and now we don't want condos near our ballpark, and I realize things have changed over the years the configuration of the land there and what goes where. The Hotel was going to be somewhere else and not it's right there. And the Hotel is a beautiful back drop I think to the center field fence but I guess the condos where they want to put the condos is right across that narrow little driveway from the ticket offices. So I can understand that is not the best location for it but I hope we have condo development somewhere to broaden the tax base. The other thing I want to comment on it's not anything the Board of Mayor and Aldermen can do anything about but I just want to say some fan, I think I am loyal fan and very frequent patron of the Fisher Cats game. I felt insulted and offended when the manager of that team called me and sixty-eight hundred other fans roughly, disgraceful for standing up and giving a standing ovation to the best pitching prospect in the Boston Red Sox system, Portland Sea Dogs pitcher named Clay Buckles, and all Mr. Buckles did was pitch six and one third inning of four hit scoreless baseball game struck out eleven and walked none, and fans gave him an ovation. And the Fisher Cats Manager, Mr. Massey said our

action was disgraceful. I don't like being called disgraceful by a tenant in my ballpark. I am a resident of this city of Manchester I consider that my ballpark, at least until the dept is paid off. I do not appreciate this, I hope the Fisher Cats will put Mr. Massey's mouth on the disable list and let his brain be thoroughly engaged in guiding the Fisher Cats to another Eastern League Championship. Thank you very much.

Mr. Jeff Duval, 45 Gerard Drive, Manchester, (re, Fireworks) stated; Good evening your Honor and members of the Board. I am the Vice-President of the Manchester professional Fire Fighters Association, IFF Local 856. I come before you tonight as a follow up to the package you recently received from our President Bill Clayton. As you are now aware on June 28<sup>th</sup> the members of local 856 took a vote of no confidence in Chief Joseph Kane. That was not a vote taken on a whim, but after years of lack of leadership from the Chief our members could not stand idly any longer. After close to three hours of questions concerns and discussions the membership voted one hundred and sixty-two too nothing for a no confidence in the Chief. The frustration over the lack of leadership at the Fire Department has been building for years. Our members cannot understand how the Chief does not attend negotiation sessions, pre-arbitration hearings, and routinely denies all grievances without so much as a conversation. But I believe that our final straw is our so call wellness program. After close to three years of meeting, grievances and arbitration, we are no closer to having a comprehensive wellness program then we were in August of 2004. When the Chief chose to put our members on sick leave, as opposed to the alternative duty program called for in the wellness fitness initiative. Even as recently as last month the Chief tried to send our members for physicals again, without the benefit of a properly negotiated medical release form or an alternative duty program in place. Violating the arbitrators ruling. Our membership said enough is enough. Our membership is also frustrated by the stalled contract negotiations and the insulting offers made

during the mediation process. To make an offer to cut future members pay by ten percent and their vacation and sick leave benefit by fifty percent is down right insulting to the dedicated and educated Fire Fighters of this City. Our members know that they are in safety sensitive positions and that is why I can tell the citizens and taxpayers of this community, the people that we all work for. That while our members will work to the letter of our contract they'll be no fire or medical services withheld from them. We will respond to every fire and medical with the professionalism that the community has become accustomed to see. That is a promise from every one of our members. In closing it has become extremely clear to our membership that there is no leadership at one hundred Merrimack Street. Your firefighters, the ones you call for help, every political season I now look at one City Hall Plaza to restore leadership in the department and while you are contemplating just how to do that just remember these six words: No leadership, no contract, no more. Thank you.

Mr. Andy Verville, 58 Donna Ave, Manchester (re: item 5) stated; Good evening your Honor members of the Board I've got a holy feeling in being here tonight. I live just a few blocks away from the parcel of land, that is here to being, a request has been made on South Willow Street. I am here to speak and support Alderman Garrity's petition that the request to rezone that property be denied. And Gentlemen I speak from experience from 1968 to 1970 I served as Alderman from Ward 8. This particular piece of property was in my Ward and was a thorn in my side. It was always a question of traffic, noise, congestion and that situation has not been remedied so come, I'm speaking from experience. Also, on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which I served many years, this particular piece of property was before the Board on many occasions and was continuously denied. What I'm saying and asking you Gentlemen hopefully you took the time to go view that property, not on Sunday morning but during the week park there and ask yourself would I buy a piece of property across the street from this particular

business. No you wouldn't, you wouldn't buy it as an investment. You would not buy a piece of property. So I'm asking you that you give it some serious thought and that you deny this request it ain't broken and needs perhaps a little fixing, let the neighbors get with the owner and perhaps they can come with some kind of arrangement. To grant this would only benefit the owner to the detriment of the abutters. Thank you very much, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Ms. Kathleen Philibert, 176 Laurel Street, Manchester (re: Firefighters) stated; Good Evening. This evening I'm here to speak to you on behalf of the Citizens of Manchester who support the Fire Fighters. I grew up cutting my teeth on Union Business, as my Father was charter member of Local 474. My husband has been a long time employee of the City of Manchester and a proud member of AFFME and I stood there tonight walking with a sign proudly supporting my son and his fellow firefighters, who we call on every day, and how quickly we forget how we felt after nine eleven when we couldn't do enough for our firefighters, and here we are today while they are struggling to get leadership and a contract, and I can tell you for thirty four years as the wife of union employee in this city I know how hard it is to get a decent contract there is always excuses for what the City needs more. We hear how valued our City employees are except they are at the bottom of the list because infrastructure has to come first it hasn't been taken care of in a long term plan or the banks failed or housing cost were down in dumps and housing cost were great but oh we needed the money for something else. It's time after time after time and I can understand the frustrations these Fire Fighters felt to be out there tonight walking and hoping to gain your support. The thing that really bothers me is the fact that negotiations seem to stall month after month after month and sometimes they go ten or eleven months. Sure it used to be that you paid retroactive pay increase when the contract was settled. Lately, the longer you procrastinate and don't give us a fair contract right across the board, the longer that money sits in the pockets of the City instead of going to these valued

employees. I just want to end by saying remember the feeling you had after nine eleven, especially with these Fire Fighters who are not just complaining about a contract but I think that their main issue is the lack of what they believe is leadership and I really think that you need to do some soul searching with not only this first contract with all of your contracts. But especially look at what your Fire Fighters are telling you out there. Listen to them really think on it and remember how you felt on nine eleven and let's get some of that feeling back. Thank you.

Mr. Robert Tarr, 318 Spruce Street #3, Manchester (re: Fisher Cats vs. Condos) stated; Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board and your Honor. Tonight I would like to bring in question the Condos versus the Fisher Cats. I understand the twenty five million or so bond that was originally approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, that included such building, such as a condo, the Fisher Cats, and other buildings on that property to pay for this bond. My question tonight is if we allow these condos to go in and the Fisher Cats were to back out who would use the Ballpark. Would it sit empty like the E and R buildings that are currently sitting across the Verizon now. When you build a condo, who is going to use the roof to watch the ball game that is not going to even be there. My other question is if we do allow the condo to go into the position that they are in the place they're requesting. I've recently attended the Sunday's game and I can say it was quite packed that day. To put the condos in that area it would lead to a lot of congestion. Again I go back to the question, who would watch the ball game if the Fisher Cats did walk out, what about the taxes. I would say the taxes would be added to the taxpayers but would they bring in as much as nine hundred and fifty thousand to the City already given by the Fisher Cats who list in the ball game. These are tough questions we need to ask if we allow condos to go there in that small space. Are the taxpayers from all those buildings equal to or greater than what we are getting now and such entertainment that we are getting from the Fisher Cats. Need I say tonight before you make a

vote. I'm hoping that you guys vote tonight and vote no on the condos in it's current position but will vote for yes to place somewhere else in the area of the land use that is currently near the Fisher Cats. Thank you.

Ms. Betsy Mathieu, 186 Bowman Street, Manchester (re: problems on Bowman Street) stated: Your Honor, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board. I and my neighborhood have talked to our Alderman we have problems. We have speeders, we have potholes and we have people that don't slow down for children. I myself lived on Lake Ave for three years where they put up those nice signs that say, speeders beware you are going to meet our judges. I watch three children be hit on that street, I do not want to be privy to that on my street, where I own my own home. I can't leave my driveway without being clipped or close to being clipped several of my neighbors have the same problem. The people don't care they go to the VNA. They do not care they do not slow down, they do not stop for the children. They do not stop for cars pulling out of their driveways, it's a constant problem, yes we have signs posted, thanks to George, it was good he posted signs, we have a yield sign that nobody pays attention to. We also have a blind driveway sign that nobody pays attention to, we are posted twenty miles an hour and nobody except for the residents of our area, the sixteen houses that are on my street, go twenty miles or under to watch for the small children that we have that do go out and they want to play, and yes anybody with small children know, they do not listen, even if you tell them don't go near the street, don't go near the street. You still are going to have that problem we want something done. Our neighborhood wants something done about the speeding. Forty-five miles an hour down to twenty mile an hour street I don't think that's right. Thank you hearing me tonight.

Mr. Phil Greazzo, 139 Parker Street, Manchester (re: spending cap) stated; I just came tonight to talk about a few things. I got my quarterly increase for my water

and sewer bill which seems to be going up twenty percent each year for the next four years which will top out at about eighty percent. And I'm hoping after that it comes down or are we are just stuck with that increase that seems after you've generated the money to fix the sewer hopefully we get a break on that it doesn't it doesn't stay that high. The Veteran Memorial Markers I've heard that they are going to be replaced they are sort of an historical heritage of our city and they're great. You can see them from the streets you can put flags on them. If you tear them down it's sort of like tearing down City Hall, why tear down a great building when you can just fix it up like this one. The big granite blocks they just give the taggers another area to spray paint and you wouldn't know they were markers unless you actually knew what they were in the first place. The real reason that I'm here is the spending cap. The Attorney Generals Office for some reason seems to, not agree with any language that is put forward to them in regards to a spending cap and if blocked, being put on the Manchester ballot for the past few election cycles. So I would respectfully request that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen come together and work on some fiscal conservancy and come together with something that the people of the City could vote on whether you folks spend too much money or not. Let it be for the people to decide. Thank you.

Mr. Joe Levasseur, Manchester (re: Fisher Cats) stated; Good evening Mayor of Board of Aldermen it's been a long time since I've been here and first I would like to say. I would like to give a vote of confidence to Leo Bernier, who I understand is retiring. When I was an Alderman he treated everybody on the Board with great respect and dignity but even after I became a regular citizen and anytime I've called on that office Leo has always answered the call, and he is going to be missed you are a good man Leo the City deserves, deserved all your service, I personally appreciate everything you have done for the City. My second vote of confidence would be to Joe Kane, who obviously is been taken a beating here. Now I was an Alderman I worked with him and again, a gentleman, who always



treated everybody with respect and I don't believe he deserved what he got in the paper and what he got today. When you are a manager you have to take on two hats. You have to work with the Firemen but you also have to work with the taxpayers and the Aldermen in the City of Manchester. My third vote of confidence would be in this Board, I thought you all handled yourself well over the last year and half, I've been doing my show for the last seven and half years and I thought as far as the severalty of this Board I thought it was excellent, you debated the subject matter with dignity and you showed a lot of respect to each other and to the Mayor. There were a few times when tempers flared but that is to be expected. But I thought you all did a very good job. Now the fourth reason I'm here today is I hope that tonight you will be listening to Danny O'Neil. I hope that Danny O'Neil is going to stick up for what he did in the paper as far the development of the condos down on down on the river. I have been reading that and been watching that and I'm very disappointed with Mr. Solomon the owner of the baseball stadium or the baseball team. I really believe that those condos should be built there. When you guys, when most of the Aldermen voted to put that baseball stadium in there a lot of you and I know a couple of you didn't, and I wasn't for that project but it's here now. We were promised one hundred and fifty million dollars worth evaluation so lets cut to the chase and say we get one hundred million dollars worth of evaluation we're not even close to that. We have an opportunity to bring in a private developer for once we are going to get somebody who is going to bring in their own money not have a public request for money on that project and they can go forward and build those condos. It's not a dense situation down there it's not a density problem. They have eighty games down there, there's not that many sellouts. I think the excuses by Mr. Solomon are only trying to scare us in the City of Manchester and the Aldermen here to get out of his lease, which I believe he wants to get out of his lease and he's using this as just as a way to do it.

The guy is a multi-multi millionaire if he is so concerned about that property down there why doesn't he just pay the three hundred thousand dollars buy it co-op it own it and do what he wants with it. He's trying to get out of a lease is what I believe is going on here. There is absolutely no reason not to build those condos private development bring more tax base money down there. Teachers need money, Firemen need money, taxpayers need relief and we're not bringing enough economic development into the city. Now I'm imploring you guys to debate this intelligently tonight this is a big moment I really believe you can send the right message to developers that we want you to come to Manchester we want to come downtown. So don't listen to the Solomon baloney and the politics of whatever is going on over there. All right this is just a scare tactic and I hope you guys really debate this. I will be watching it, Danny I appreciate what you said and I agree one hundred percent on that. Thank you very much everybody.

Mr. Tony Marts, Attorney for the developer for the Diamond View Condominium (Baseball/Condo project) stated; The first business item on your agenda tonight is a communication from Attorney Robert Miller on behalf of Art Solomon and the Fisher Cats, that talks about extreme zoning variances. I understand from the Mayor there won't be any presentations tonight so as a member of the Public, my client, would remind this board that one extreme zoning variance for density was the Bridge and Elm Street project which today is a very successful project that had a density increase of four hundred and twenty percent. It had a density under the ordinance of fifty and it was approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for two hundred and ten units that have been built. Two weeks ago the Union Leader had an editorial applauding the Planning Board for delaying action on this particular site so that Mr. Solomon could get a full and fair hearing in front of the Planning Board, it also decried the fact that the baseball stadium has not generated the economic development that was promised. The evidence relative to this particular project is in, it's in at the Zoning Board it's in at the Planning Board. There will

be a Zoning Board meeting tomorrow night and a Planning Board meeting Thursday night, but apparently Mr. Solomon does not want a public hearing at this point. The Riverfront Committee has not held a public hearing the Riverfront committee has not reviewed the evidence that has been provided by the Zoning Board and the Planning Board and neither has this Board. If you had, you would see that each and every claim issue and allocation raised by Mr. Solomon has no basis in fact from traffic, there is less traffic in fact generated by this project than the restaurant project that was previously approved for the site and could not get financing. And also to the effect that the Eastern League All-star game would be in jeopardy if this project went forward. This developer has told Mr. Solomon that it would delay construction until after the Eastern League All-star game. But if this is not about the facts if this is not about having a full and fair hearing we believe it's also not about this thirty-six unit residential building, which the evidence will show is the highest and best use for this site, generates higher tax revenues than any proposed use and expands the downtown core in accordance with the master plan and the Riverfront development plan itself. This is about the cost of baseball to Mr. Solomon. Mr. Solomon has the most expensive ballpark in the Eastern League, he knew that when he bought out Drew Webber, but he is using this issue as an attempt to get leverage relative the cost of his lease. We believe that our project is fully supportable and Mr. Catapano who owns the property has done everything he has promised this City. You have no basis today for taking any action against this particular project, we merely ask that you allow the public hearing process to move forward and not let backroom interference affect this project. Thank you.

Mr. Billy Dodd, Ward 7, (re: citywide) stated; Good evening Mayor, Board of Aldermen. First of all I would like to thank Mr. Bernier for his many years of service to the city and I don't think this Board has to look very far for his replacement for she is sitting right next to him, if she wants the job. You

shouldn't waste any money for some kind of national search. Recycling Center on Dunbarton Road, one Alderman was quoted in the Union Leader I don't have the exact quote but basically they did not realize the scope of the project when they first voted on it. Fisher Cats, thing in the paper today, Union Leader, about the business been operating at a deficit. How long can any business operate at a deficit before it has to do something. Cowano can pull that franchise anytime they want you guys only have three years payments to fall back on. The condos that were originally going down there the ones that are up aren't selling too well. If you have ever been down there when the big diesel motors for the train is sitting there idling those buildings are shaking, I can tell you that. I don't who would want to buy down there. But now you want to come in and build a whole new bunch of condos that weren't in the original proposal, where you had some commercial aspect going in. And one Alderman was quoted in the paper again is not exactly right but I don't care what's built down there I just want some tax money coming in. Now you've got the 08 Eastern All-star game in jeopardy, okay. Does this Board really think you are in control of Fisher Cats baseball, and then you've got the Jac Pac land coming up good luck on that one, you are going to get burnt. The other thing is my favorite noise, the motorcycles and the little foreign imports with the trash can mufflers that you can heard several blocks away. State has a statute on the books but it seems like maybe there are not directions on the top of the Police Department or how it comes down I don't know, you don't see any write ups in the paper about excessive noise about any big crack down. Last year they had one but it did not come until October when they got a grant. Maybe this Board should put a little pressure on a upper echelon of the Police Department and get something done. One hundred and six decibels is what a motorcycle can legally register at under criteria. Now several of you people sit up in Concord, I think that one hundred and six level has to be looked at and modified down, because on the highway from talking with Department of Transportation, their average threshold that they are looking for before they put it

on the noise barrier is seventy to seventy-five decibels and they are looking to lower that between five and ten decibels. I was told that is a noticeable difference for someone sitting out in their back yard. Imagine living on a residential street and having a motorcycle that's one hundred and six if it's on the low side go pass you, or while you are sitting in your house. I can sit in my house and hear some motorcycles two or three blocks away, that's ridiculous, something needs to be done. But you guys have to get the little things right with the quality of life in this city and I hated to see that little old lady eighty-eight years old get her first speeding ticket. When you've got guys zipping around on motorcycles and not a whole lot being done about it, need to get things squared away. Thank you.

Mayor Guinta stated I believe Alderman Duval wishes to address the Board at this time.

Alderman Duval stated thank you very much your Honor. I have a brief statement in view of the recent announcement by our City Clerk on his pending retirement. Leo likes to get a party going early, I think. Manchester is a special place while having grown up here since I was a kid it still maintains the finer qualities of what we would find in a "small town". Much like the show Cheers, it's easy to be at a place in Manchester where somebody knows your name. Manchester has been home to many people who have gone to have truly easily recognized names like, Mike Flanagan, or Adam Sandler. Manchester has also produced some wonderful people who have been part of very fabric of our city; those countless individuals, who never had a big name for themselves. I can never begin to name them. My colleagues, especially my colleagues who have been around a little longer than me have even a greater historical perspective, like Aldermen Smith, Shea, and Thibault and would know of the names of characters who quietly manage their lives and contributed to the city leaving only memories to remind us they once strolled our cities streets perhaps worked in the Mills raised their families and

went about their business. I know of one such character who has been at the very heartbeat of Manchester as a common citizen and for over thirty years as one of it's dedicated public servants. For sure, Leo Bernier is one of those personalities that is to be seen and heard. I recall a time early on in his career as City Clerk, Leo had controversial moments for a while anyway there was a bit of stir here at City Hall surrounding Leo. I would like to think those stirring up the controversy perhaps didn't understand the real Leo. Fortunately for Manchester Leo not only survived the test, he continued to excel. Those that know him best would say Leo is a "survivor". One could say that about his career with the city and those that know him best can say that about his personal life as well. While Leo Bernier is a survivor he is a giver, too. A number of Mayors and Aldermen can attest to what he has given to our city as Welfare Commissioner and City Clerk and incidentally I'm sure by the time he leaves City Hall, as its Clerk he will make certain everyone hears how good he was from each of them. I would guess Leo is lining up the speaker's list for January's meeting at this very moment. I'm one of the fortunate ones to have viewed Leo in a different light from a different place. I can recall a time, time after time was Leo care for his mother and his sister years back when his mother, a single mom, was living in a small apartment, in what was then Rimmon Heights. Leo's mother never drove a car, Leo's sister Cecile Dubois reminded me today that it was Leo who essentially chauffeured his mother to church, shopping, and doctor's appointments. For many years Leo was his mother's closest companion. Leo, you may not have known it, but you have served as a powerful example by being so attentive to the needs of your mother and for all those years. I'm for certain that she is looking down at tonight's meeting with immense pride knowing her son was able to reach this great milestone. Leo Bernier will leave Manchester as City Clerk soon enough and there is ample time for Leo to get the accolades he so deserves. While he prepares to leave his position one thing is certain Leo will never forget his friends, some of whom are here in the gallery tonight. I was introduced to Leo by my father when I was only

sixteen. It is a privilege for me to be here as Alderman, in this Chamber, to be part of this occasion for Leo. Then there are Leo's dearest friends like Jim Normand, who was raised in the same neighborhood as Leo in the heart of the old West Side and others like George and Jackie McLellan, who join us tonight and countless who I am sure share the same friendship with Leo and fondness for him as I do. Mayor Guinta I'm sure at this point you might want to recognize Leo, who I guess might say a few words,

Mayor Guinta, Leo and I spoke earlier and we've decided he is not going to resign or retire. It came to my attention yesterday afternoon that our City Clerk has decided to retire after years of service to our great City and wanted to provide him an opportunity this evening to speak to all of us and the public people hear and the people watching at home. I've had the pleasure for the last year and half to serve with Leo as a Mayor and prior to that as served here as an Alderman for four years with Leo and I've got many stories with Leo as well, some fun some not as fun. But I can tell you this he is a man who has worked in the utmost of professional manners has worked with me through challenging issues has never said he would be able to perform his service to the people of this City. He has always figured out a way to provide the best service that is possible. Not just to this Board and to the public but through something even more important, presidential primaries, I think when people think of the presidential primary in New Hampshire they probably think of two people. From a state perspective we think of Bill Gardner, from a city perspective we think of Leo Bernier. That's something that is very, very important to people in New Hampshire past, present and future. It's been an honor to serve with you Leo fortunate to have the opportunity to have known you for the last five years. I certainly wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors and I would yield before you at this time.

Mr. Leo Bernier stated Thank you Mayor and I want to thank you very much for those kind words. Alderman Duval it was extremely well it's, you got me off guard, and I thank you very much for those beautiful words. Also want to share with you there are two other people who I had an opportunity to get appointed, when I got appointed on May 19<sup>th</sup>, there are two Aldermen sitting on this Board and I was just wondering if anybody can think who they are, yes, Hank Thibault and Dan O'Neil, Alderman O'Neil. They were here on May 19<sup>th</sup> 1987 right below us, that is where the old chamber was and I hope I met your expectations and even gone beyond, so I want to thank you it was enjoyable to serve with you. Also it's really interesting the average length of Clerk is about twelve years, and I have exceeded that by twenty years and also the person who was thirty-two years was Mike Quinn, and the person prior to that was a Mr. Kidder for nineteen years, so it's a real honor for me to serve you people and the public and I want to thank you all. I just would like to read a few things, after twenty years as your City Clerk I am announcing my retirement on or before January 31<sup>st</sup>. That all depends when the presidential primary will be, some people say December, so I want to have some flexibility there. I have served with five Mayors and fifty-one Aldermen during my tenure as City Clerk. I want to thank the citizens and the elected officials for giving me the opportunity to be the gatekeeper for this great city. This Board and previous Boards of the Aldermen have supported many endeavors undertaken by the City Clerk's office, and I thank you for that. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the diligent staff members who have supported me throughout these years. Their integrity has always been exceptional, something which is so very important in the clerk's office where so much official business is transacted, over the years their steadfast dedication to their responsibilities has been above and beyond. My retirement, to guarantee a smooth transition through the summer months and the fall election throughout my years as your city clerk I have looked forward to coming to work every day, knowing that the office serves



the citizens of Manchester and assisting the elected officials as they meet their constituents' needs. And I want to thank you very much and thank you.

Mayor Guinta advises that if there is no one else present wishing to speak, a motion would be in order to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented. On motion of Alderman Pinard and duly seconded by Alderman Long. Motion carried

Mayor Guinta advised that there being no further business, on motion of Alderman Osborne and duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to adjourn.

A true Record. Attest.

City Clerk